Name of Banks	*Ranchi*	*Surat*	*Vadodara*
Indian Bank	1	1	1
Indian Overseas Bank	3	1	6
Punjab National Bank	1	-	-
Syndicate Bank	-	5	-
UCO Bank	1	1	1
Union Bank of India	5	4	8
United Bank of India	7	-	-
Vijaya Bank	-	-	1

(b) to (d). Under the extant Policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for opening of branches in rural areas, the lis of identified centres with necessary particulars in each district has to be given to the lead bank of that district. The lead bank after consolidating the list received from all banks submits it to the District Collector for recommendations and onward transmission to RBI through the concerned State Government. Under the Branch Licensing Policy (1990-95), opening of branches of Public Sector Banks is a continuous process and hence it is not possible to project the number of branches that will be opened in the rural areas of these districts.

[*English*]

Aid from Aid India Consortium

1396. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial aid sought by India from Aid India Consortium;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Consortium at its recent meeting; and

(c) the details of the projects for which the aid has been earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) It is not the practice for Government of India to make a specific request in terms of a precise figure of aid, as the India Consortium is a Group set up under the aegis of the World Bank to consider availability of aid to India in the context of the country's requirements.

(b) At the Aid India Consortium Meeting held on 19-20 September, 1991 the members of the Consortium pledged aid assistance of US $ 6.7 billion.

(c) The details of projects for which the aid is likely to be utilised will be determined after aid negotiations with each donor agency are finalised.

Trade Deficit

1397. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister pf COMMERCE be pleased to state: